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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **MATSUSHITA, Junichi et al.**

Group Art Unit: 2872

Serial No.: 09/893,548

Examiner: **PRITCHETT, JOSHUA L.**

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For: **SLEEVE AND A MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 13, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 13, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **AMEND** the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An optical connector having a sleeve between an optical fiber and a transmitting module and between an optical fiber and a receiving module is disclosed in Japanese Utility Model Registration Application Laid-open No.6-33443.

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